

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC# 074-2015

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

February 17, 2015

SUBJECT: CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS RESOLUTION

Attached for your information is Resolution No: 2015-3639, adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Miami Springs on January 26, 2015.

A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Miami Springs Expressing Its Opposition To Any Increase In Gasoline Taxes By The Congress Of The United States Or The Legislature Of The State Of Florida; Directions To City Clerk; Effective Date.

The City Clerk of City of Miami Springs has requested that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411.

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 3639**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS EXPRESSING ITS OPPOSITION TO ANY INCREASE IN GASOLINE TAXES BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; DIRECTIONS TO CITY CLERK; EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, it has been many years since consumers have experienced the monetary relief currently afforded by the recent reductions in gasoline prices; and,

WHEREAS, the lower gasoline prices will provide both citizens and businesses with the opportunity to engage in activities and opportunities that were not previously available to them; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is hoped that the current gasoline prices will be maintained or further reduced, during the upcoming year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the benefits afforded by the cost reductions should be allowed to be experienced for as long as possible; and,

WHEREAS, although there has been much discussion over the last few years of the decaying infrastructure across the country and the inability of the Federal and State Governments to fund needed repairs, the current reductions of gasoline prices should not be seen as an opportunity to raise gasoline taxes to fund the infrastructure repairs; and,

WHEREAS, any such increases in gasoline taxes would negate the recent reductions in gasoline prices and limit, if not eliminate, the benefits that should be enjoyed by citizens and businesses as a result of the gasoline price reductions; and,

**WHEREAS,** both the Federal and State Governments should explore all other available sources of revenue to secure whatever funding is required for infrastructure repairs without authorizing increases in Federal or State gasoline taxes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Miami Springs hereby expresses its opposition to the imposition of any increase in gasoline taxes by the Federal Government or State of Florida.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide copies of this resolution to the United States Congress, Florida Legislature, Florida League of Cities, Miami-Dade County League of Cities, the municipalities of Miami-Dade County, and all other persons or entities for which direction is received to provide a copy.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015, on a motion by Councilman Bain and seconded by Vice Mayor Petralanda.

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Vice Mayor Petralanda	YES
Councilman Windrem	YES
Councilman Bain	YES
Councilman Lob	YES
Mayor Garcia	VES

Zavler M. Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika Gonzalez-Santamaria, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:

Jan K. Seiden, City Attorney